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Shaun McGrath
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 8 1595 Wyncoop Street
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Re: Smurfit-Stone Mill Site, Missoula County, Montana

Dear Mr. McGrath,

The Missoula County Board of County Commissioners and the Tribal Council of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes wish to extend a joint invitation to the Environmental Protection Agency to meet to discuss the future of the Smurfit-Stone Mill Site. The Tribal Council and Board of County Commissioners have expressed strong support for Superfund listing of the former Smurfit-Stone Mill Site. We extend this invitation to learn from EPA how the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study filed on November 12, 2015 will effect a Superfund designation and to explore opportunities for remediation and restoration of the Smurfit-Stone Site. We propose to meet on a mutually agreeable date by mid-January, 2016 in Missoula. Thank you for your consideration of this request. We look forward to meeting with you and to an informative and productive discussion regarding the future of the Smurfit-Stone Mill Site.

Sincerely,

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